

Board of Selectmen Agenda
Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 7:30 pm
Town Hall Meeting Room

Attendance: First Selectman Chris Spaulding, Selectman Stephan Grozinger, Selectman Brian Gordon, Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz, Administrative Assistant Randi Derene and Weston Residents.

This meeting was videotaped and can be viewed on Channel 79 and on our Town of Weston website.

- 1- **Pledge:** Led by Eric Bell
- 2- First Selectman Spaulding moved to add item #19 to tonight's agenda, an item entitled "Acceptance of a \$7,800 donation to the Weston Police Department from the Weston Gun Club." Selectman Gordon seconded .Motion carried unanimously.
- 3- **Discussion/ decision to appoint Kristana Esslinger to the Survey Research Committee**
Ms. Esslinger stated she has lived in town for 20 years and has children in the school system. She said she would like to help make enhancements in town. Selectman Grozinger moved to appoint Kristana Esslinger to the Survey Research Committee for a term to end December 31, 2019. Selectman Gordon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4- **Update from the Commission on Aging : Bruce Lorentzen and Wendy Petty.** Mr. Lorentzen thanked Helen deKeijzer for all her contributions. Mr. Lorentzen then updated the board on the Commission. He said their biggest challenge is location as well as transportation and a general feeling of seniors being isolated. Mr. Lorentzen also discussed senior house and the tax abatement program. He asked if the senior center could have a social worker come to the senior center a few hours a week. He also asked about expanding senior center hours including evenings. Mr. Lorentzen mentioned they are enjoying the new bus, the newly installed air conditioners and all the Wednesday lunches.
- 5- **Update from the Insurance Advisory Committee : Eric Bell** Mr. Bell said the insurance committee's main job is to save the town money. He stated that Weston was one of the first towns to have health savings accounts. Mr. Bell explained the committee helps

with negotiations with CIRMA and they are in the middle of an RFP for an employee benefits broker and for a workers comp broker.

6- Discussion/ decision to authorize a supplemental appropriation of \$15,978 to the BOE FY 18/19 Budget for shared services for technology to fund an additional technician

Superintendent Dr. Bill McKersie and Board of Education President, Gina Albert, joined the Selectmen at the table. Superintendent McKersie explained that they are working on building a strong relationship between town and school and specifically looking for more efficient ways to invest in technology. He explained the town will get .8 of the additional full time IT employee. Selectman Gordon stated he is reluctant to vote for this as he would rather have had this worked into the budget. Selectman Gordon moved to authorize a supplemental appropriation of \$15,978 to the Board of Education Fiscal Year 2018/19 Budget for shared services for technology to fund an additional technician. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

7- Discussion/ decision to authorize a supplemental appropriation of \$35,000 to the BOS FY 18/19 IT services Budget. Selectman Grozinger moved to authorize a supplemental appropriation of \$35,000 to the Board of Selectmen Fiscal Year 2018/19 IT services budget. Selectman Gordon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

8- Discussion/ Decision to call a Special Town Meeting for purposes of determining the following question: "Shall the Town of Weston lease to the Friends of Lachat, Inc. a two story residential structure at the Lachat Town Farm in accordance with the terms of a lease agreement made available for public inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk and on the Town of Weston website?" David Allon from LTFC. Selectman Stephan Grozinger has been working on the lease. He stated Friends of Lachat made some changes to the insurance provisions. He also stated Dennis Tracy has looked at the lease and made some suggestions. Mr. Grozinger explained that the Friends of Lachat could sublease space in the main building to a caretaker (The Town is leasing the building to the Friends, and the Friends would be leasing to this caretaker). A Special Town Meeting needs to be held and public notice needs to be made at least 5 days prior to holding the meeting.

At this time there is no vote. As soon as we hear from The Nature Conservancy we will schedule a special BOS meeting to set the date for a special town meeting.

9- Reappointment of Cindy Armijo, Anastasia Gussen and Paul Levin to the Commission for the Arts for terms to end June 31, 2020 Selectman Gordon moved to reappoint

Cindy Armijo, Anastasia Gussen and Paul Levin to the Commission for the Arts for terms to end June 30, 2020. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- 10- Reappointment of William Proceller and Jon Rogers to the Building Committee for term to end June 30, 2020** Selectman Grozinger moved to reappoint William Proceller and Jon Rogers to the Building Committee for term to end June 30, 2020 Selectman Gordon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- 11- Reappointment of Allison Lisbon to Children & Youth Commission for a term to end July 30, 2021** Selectman Gordon moved to reappoint Allison Lisbon to Children & Youth Commission for a term to end July 30, 2021. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- 12- Reappointment of Don Kendall as Weston's Representative to Connecticut Medical Emergency Dispatch (CMED) for a term to end June 30, 2019**

Mr. Kendall introduced the CMED Executive Director Vaughan Dumas. Mr. Kendall stated he has lived in Weston since 2008, and has been an EMT since 2012. Mr. Dumas then presented a PowerPoint explaining what CMED does. CMED provides telecommunications for multiple towns, including fire and ems dispatching. Mr. Dumas stated they are looking to expand in the future and continue to improve technology. Selectman Grozinger moved to reappoint Don Kendall as Weston's Representative to Connecticut Medical Emergency Dispatch (CMED) for a term to end June 30, 2019. Selectman Gordon seconded .Motion carried unanimously.

- 13- Reappointment of Harry Spencer, John Babyak, Eric Bell and Robert Pickholtz to the Insurance Advisory Committee for terms to end June 30, 2020.** Selectman Gordon moved to reappoint Harry Spencer, John Babyak, Eric Bell and Robert Pickholtz to the Insurance Advisory Committee for terms to end June 30, 2020. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

14- Reappointment of Ed Hutchins to the Veteran's Committee for a term to end June 30, 2020. Selectman Grozinger moved to reappoint Ed Hutchins to the Veteran's Committee for a term to end June 30, 2020. Selectman Gordon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

15- Reappointment of Joe Miceli to the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Advisory Committee for a term to end June 30, 2020 First Selectman Spaulding read a statement by Officer Miceli regarding the improvements in Code Red and the increased participation in social media (OEM Facebook page) Selectman Gordon moved to reappoint Joe Miceli to the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Advisory Committee for a term to end June 30, 2020. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

16- Reappointment of Bill Lomas as Tree Warden for a term to end June 30, 2019 Selectman Grozinger moved to reappointment Bill Lomas as Tree Warden for a term to end June 30, 2019. Selectman Gordon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

17- Approval of Property Tax Refunds Selectman Gordon moved to approve the Property Tax refunds as presented , totaling \$58,982. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

18- Approval of a Building Permit Fee Schedule effective July 1, 2018 Mr. Luiz explained that we needed to revise fees to match neighboring towns. Selectman Grozinger moved to approve the proposed Building Permit Fee Schedule effective July1, 2018. Selectman Gordon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

19- Acceptance of a \$7,800 donation to the Weston Police Department from the Weston Gun Club. Mr. Luiz explained this donation would be used to fund temporary storage pace used by the police department. Selectman Grozinger moved to accept a \$7800 donation to the Weston Police Department from the Weston Gun Club Community Foundation. Selectman Gordon seconded. Motion carried unanimously. This item was approved with the understanding that the police storage space proposal must be approved by the Town Administrator prior to being purchased and delivered.

20- Minutes Approval – May 17, 2018 Selectman Gordon moved to approve the unapproved minutes of May 17, 2018 as presented. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

21- Discussion amongst Board of Selectmen members about the Planning and Zoning Commission's consideration of deleting 240-27 from Chapter 240 of the Weston Zoning Regulations – Municipal uses on Town-owned lots.

First Selectman Spaulding provided an update on the Planning and Zoning Commission's recent activity on this matter. Selectman Grozinger said he supports the Selectmen revisiting the issue of whether or not the Town should be exempt from the Zoning Regulations. Selectman Gordon agreed. There was no motion.

- 22- **Adjourn:** Selectman Grozinger moved to adjourn at 9:11 pm. Selectman Gordon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes take by: Randi Derene, Administrative Assistant

Approved: June 21, 2018